# Let's Get Acquainted

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Hebert J. Edwards was born Nov. 28, 1907, in Thayne, Lincoln County, Wyoming; he was the youngest of 10 children born to Benjamin and Hanna Toolson Edwards.

All of Herb's boyhood was spent in or near Thayne, on the farm owned by his mother, as his father died when Herb was four months old. Herb said he cannot remember a school year when he started before the crops were in, or when he was in class during the spring planting; it took all of the family to do the work and stay out of debt.

When Herb was seven years old, he held his first paying job, he worked for his brother, John, during summers until he was 16 years old.

Herb finished elementary school then his mother moved to Afton and he graduated from the ''new'' Afton High School in 1927. Theirs was the largest graduating class, there were 28 students. He graduated from high school in three years.

On Nov. 2, 1927, Herbert J. Edwards married Leona Barington. She didn't like living in Star Valley, so they moved to Preston, Idaho. Herb farmed and worked for wages through the fall of 1931; then he moved back to run his

northern part of Utah, and then to settle near the Blackfoot reservation. The Stander family settled about eight miles west of Blackfoot, Idaho, near the small town of Thomas that sprung up as the settlers came in.

Geraldine remembers her grandmother Kraus as being quite an important and well liked woman who was from Switzerland and very well educated. She was skilled in the use of herbs. She worked with medical doctors, she often took over when the medical doctor gave up.

Geraldine graduated from the Blackfoot High School, and went on to graduate from the L.D.S. Business College. She found a good position with an insurance company in Salt Lake when she married Keith Eccols in 1940; they were married in the LDS Salt Lake Temple.

Less than a year after their marriage, Keith was drafted. When he returned four years later, he was not a well man. They wanted a large family, but Geraldine was unable to bear a child before they had been married eight years. Four years later, they adopted a handicapped child. Not long after this, Keith died. A few months later Geraldine had polio; she was quite



Herbert and Geraldyne Edwards

ter for seven years before he was retired in 1972.

Both Herb and Geraldine have been faithful workers in the LDS Church, they filled a four year mission with the Indians on the Fort Hall Reservation, between Pocatello and Blackfoot, Idaho. When Herb was 17 years old he began teaching in church and has taught most of the time since. He

with visitors who come to their home.

I have never been in a home where more love and contentment has been evidenced. They are a cheerful family who enjoys one another's company.

I asked how they had decided to live in Wallsburg, and they said their daughter, Eva Lee and her husband, Ben Young, were living

she divided the property, this meant that no one had enough to do anything. Herb sold his property and moved down to Riverdale. Here he farmed and did carpentering. He eventually started his own carpenter business.

In 1942 to 1953, they bought a farm near Etna, in Star Valley. It was a nice irrigated farm but Herb developed arthritis and could not work the farm. They sold the property and moved to Centerville, Utah. While in Centerville, Herb took up carpentering again and opened a cabinet shop and made a good living. He became carpenter foreman for the Davis School District for four years.

In 1959, he and Leona were divorced. From this marriage there were three girls and three boys; they were all of an age to accept the parting and manage well.

Herb went on a job to Nevada where he met a young widow named Geraldine Stander Eccles. On Dec. 24, 1959, they were married.

Geraldine was born to Ralph and Margaret Kraus Stander. Their farm was large; her father's people were of the old pioneer stock called to help settle the

crippling, and her mind even sharper than before. While recouperating from this illness, she heard of a young Lamonite girl who was planning to abort her baby. Geraldine went to visit her and to plead that she would help her if she would bear the child and allow her to raise it as her own. She adopted the boy and he is a fine young man, he has filled an LDS mission and is a great source of pride to her as he advances in higher education.

After Geraldine and Herb were married, they lived in Bear River City, Utah, until 1963 when Thiokol "folded." The company's employees dropped from 11,000 to 600. The new housing unit was bulldozed under, 130 new homes gone because there would no longer be an industry to support the families.

The Edward's family moved to Willard where Herb found work selling building materials, in Idaho, over an eight county area, so they moved to Pocatello. Herb started carpentering again along with his job as salesman. The selling job failed because there wasn't enough need for materials until the housing business picked up.

Herb found work with the school district as a maintenance carpen-

Herb has served 14 years in stake missions. Both have served in many stake and ward positions.

They started with the Foster Children program in 1968 when they were asked by a case worker to take a handicapped child. In all, they have opened their home to 29 handicapped children in response to their need for help. They found a welcome home and loving care. Herb and Geraldine would have adopted all of them, but Herb was past the limit of 60 years. However, they were permitted to adopt three of them, two are still living and with them now. Robert was born Feb. 29, 1968, he is now 16 years old, strongly built and likable. The little girl, Mary, was born Oct. 26, 1972, passed away. Casey, who is now 11 years old was born Nov. 29, 1972. He will always need special care as he is unable to walk or do anything for himself. The two boys are friendly

Geraldine and Herb had many allergies which were being aggrivated by the pollens of orchards and other plants in and around Payson, Utah, where they had been living for some time. They visited their daughter and found they were not allergic to the things growing in Wallsburg, so they bought a home and moved there a little less than two years ago. They feel completely safe there and love the people and the beauty of the alfalfa fields. They are happy to breath the good air.

Herb now has a bad heart and must have a lot of bed rest. He has a hospital bed in the large livingroom where he can be with the family and friends. He is able to move about and is fully dressed each day.

We hope that all of you take care of yourselves so you may enjoy many days of the great love that you have for one another.

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